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S. F. AFL Labor Day Parade Formation

The Parade will start from the Embarcadero and Market promptly at 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 1946, proceeding West on Market to Grove street, to Larkin street, to McAllister street, to Polk street, to Grove street, crossing Van Ness avenue and disbanding units west of Van Ness avenue on Grove street, to Franklin street, and North and South along Franklin street.

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Aides:

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Anthony Cancilla Charles Foehn
A. C. Armstrong Frank Burk
Joseph Roberts John Casey
George W. Johns Alfred De Martini
Escort Band — Musicians Union No. 6

FIRST DIVISION

Will form on Embarcadero extending North from Market

Marshal.....Jack Casper
Aide.....Walter Mowinkel
Aide.....Gunnar Hexum

BAND

Sailors Union of the Pacific
Masters, Mates and Pilots

BAND

Unlicensed Officers

SECOND DIVISION

Building Trades Council Unions will form at the Embarcadero on Market, extending South from Market

Marshal.....Dewey Mead
Aide.....Daniel Del Carlo
Aide.....John H. Smith

BAND

Bricklayers No. 7, Sheet Metal Workers No. 104, Electrical Workers No. 6, Laborers No. 261, Asbestos Workers No. 16, District Council of Carpenters, District Council of Painters.

THIRD DIVISION

Joint Board of Culinary Unions will form on Steuart Street extending South from Market.

Marshal.....Bruno J. Mannori
Aide.....Anthony Anselmo
Aide.....Michael Joyce

BAND

Bartenders, Local No. 41, Waiters, Local 30, Cooks, Local No. 44, Hotel Service Workers, Local No. 283, Miscellaneous Employees, Local No. 110, Waitresses, Local No. 48, with band.

FOURTH DIVISION

Joint Council of Teamsters will form on Spear Street extending South from Market.

Marshal.....William Conboy
Aide.....Stephen Gilligan
Aide.....Silvio Giannini

BAND AND FLOAT

Chauffeurs Union No. 265 with Band, Warehousemen Union No. 860 with Band, Newspaper Drivers No. 921, Teamsters No. 85 with two Bands, Retail Delivery Drivers No. 278.

FIFTH DIVISION

Metal Trades Council will form on Main Street extending South from Market.

Marshal.....A. T. Wynn
Aide.....
Aide.....

Office Workers Locals
Machinists Local No. 68, Boilermakers No. 6 with Band, Steamfitters No. 590, Technical Engineers No. 89, Drydockmen and Stage Riggers No. 3116, Shipfitters No. 9 with Band, Shipwrights No. 1149, Blacksmiths No. 168.

SIXTH DIVISION

Miscellaneous Unions with Labor Council will form on Beale Street extending South from Market.

Marshal.....Andy Ahern
Aide.....Russell Dreyer
Aide.....William Silverstein

BAND — Musicians Union No. 669

Label Section with Float

Label Section Auxiliary

Mailers No. 18 and Stereotypers No. 29, Upholsterers No. 28, Barbers No. 148, Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, Cleaners and Dyers No. 7, Fire Fighters No. 798, Window Cleaners No. 44, Department Store Employees No. 1100, Street Carmen, Division No. 1380, Grocery Clerks No. 648, Shoe and Retail Salesmen No. 410, Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, Garment Cutters No. 45, Civil Service Janitors No. 66A, Boot and Shoe Workers No. 216.

San Diego Labor Man Gets Key Labor Council Position

SAN DIEGO (AFLN)—Delegates have elected John Quimby, 33, to succeed Henry M. Smith, who resigned to return to his former civil service job at the Naval Air Station here, to the position of secretary of the San Diego County Federated Trades and Labor Council. Mr. Quimby is the youngest secretary to hold the \$5,000-a-year key Labor position. He has been recording secretary of Local 542 for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and circulation manager of the weekly *Labor Leader*.

New York Jobs, Pay Up

ALBANY, N. Y. (ILNS)—Factory employment in New York State increased 0.7 per cent between May and June, the State Department of Labor reports. Noteworthy gains in some branches of the food and metals and machinery industries and smaller increases in most others were partially offset by decreases in apparel and shipbuilding. Payrolls advanced 1.5 per cent while average weekly earnings at \$49.49 were 40 cents above the May figure. Compared with June 1945, employment had dropped 7.1 per cent and payrolls, 5.7 per cent. Average weekly earnings were 72 cents more than they were a year ago.

Two Great Conventions

San Francisco Labor will play host to delegates attending national conventions of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers. The electrical workers will convene their meeting on September 3 and the painters will open their confab on September 1. Plans are in the final stages for the entertainment of delegats and visitors and a grand time is assured.

Shelley Addresses Vets

State Senator and Labor Council President, John F. Shelley, addressed the State convention of the American Legion in San Francisco on Monday, August 19. Shelley stressed the part that the AFL was playing to repulse attempts of Communists to gain a foothold within the structure of the AFL and promised co-operation with the Legion in their efforts to combat the "reds." On August 14, Senator Shelley addressed the San Diego Labor Council. Keynoting his speech was his statement that "money doesn't win elections—but manpower and support does," which reference was made to the fact that his opponent will have \$500,000 at his disposal to keep Shelley from being elected. Senator Shelley urged that the danger of apathy of voters be overcome by the full support of Labor being thrown into the campaign. He received thunderous ovation at the conclusion of his address.

New Plant in Richmond

American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation has acquired a five and one-half acre site in Richmond for the construction of a new plumbing supply plant. The new plant will cost an estimated \$3,500,000 and will employ over 1000 persons. It will be situated on property which was owned by the Parr-Richmond Terminal Corporation, across the street from the Richmond Enameling Plant, also owned by American Radiator.

Senator Pepper to Speak Here

Senator Claude Pepper, who will be in San Francisco Tuesday, September 3, as part of his Nation-wide speaking tour, will make his only local public appearance under the auspices of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Citizens Political Action Committee that evening at 8 o'clock at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Cannery Workers to Vote August 29, 30

Election to determine whether the employees of the cannery industry of Northern California and Central California will be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by the California State Council of Cannery Unions, AFL, or by the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America, CIO, will be conducted on August 29 and 30.

The NLRB stated that all production and maintenance employees of the plants which are members of the California Processors and Growers, Inc., will be eligible to vote in the election, including non-deputized watchmen, cafeteria employees and floor ladies who do not possess supervisory authority. Those not eligible to vote are office and clerical employees and all supervisory employees with authority to hire, promote, discharge, discipline or otherwise effect changes in the status of employees or effectively recommend such action.

Eligibility to vote in the election will also be governed by a requirement that all of the above-described employees must have been in an actual work status during the pay period ending nearest to August 17, 1946. Thus, employees who are ill, on vacation or who are temporarily laid off during the above pay period will not be eligible to vote. On the other hand, employees who do work during the pay period and who have not been lawfully discharged or who have not resigned on the day of the election, including those ill, on vacation, or temporarily laid off since the pay period ending nearest to August 17, will be eligible to vote.

Employees who transfer from one CP&G plant to another after the pay period designated will be permitted to vote at that plant where they are employed on the day of the election; however, their ballots will be segregated and the fact of their employment in the CP&G unit during the designated pay period will be determined after the elections.

The CIO imported into Northern and Central California high-pressure spellbinders and organizers who never saw a cannery in operation until their arrival. The AFL cannery union presented their case to the workers in forthright language, sheared of promises that were not possible of fulfillment. Charge after charge made by the CIO were refuted. Promise after promise made by the CIO disappeared under the spotlight of truth. Facts were honestly presented by the AFL and substantiated by the AFL instead of the "divide and rule" formula presented by the FTA-CIO. The workers were considered as workers and not as pawns on a power-seeking chess board. The result of the election has been foreshadowed by the manner in which the workers approach the vote.

Robert C. Wagenet Named to Social Security Administration

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Robert Gordon Wagenet has been appointed director of the Bureau of Employment Security of the Social Security Administration, succeeding Ewan Clague, who was recently selected by President Truman to head the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The appointment of Wagenet marks his return to the Federal unemployment insurance organization after an absence of six years. He was appointed in 1936 as the first director of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation when the Social Security Board was organized. Wagenet resigned from the board organization in 1940 to become director of the State Division of Employment in California.

In returning to the Social Security organization, Wagenet will be concerned with administering the provisions of the Social Security Act that relate to the Federal-State unemployment insurance program.

Wagenet was with the California State Commission of Immigration and Housing from 1914 to 1916.

Shoe Workers' Wages Upped

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Employees in various plants operated by the International Shoe Co., of St. Louis, Mo., have received wage increases approximating 7 cents an hour, affecting 27,283 persons. This increase was recently approved by the National Wage Stabilization Board. Sixty-seven plants in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, New Hampshire and Arkansas are covered by this action, and the adjustment means a total post-war increase to employees of 15 cents an hour due to a general 8-cents-an-hour increase of last December.

Wage Earners' Patience Running Out, AFL Warns

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—An urgent plea for restoration of price controls on meats, grain, dairy products and other foods was made before the newly appointed Price Decontrol Board by Boris Shishkin, American Federation of Labor economist.

Appearing for AFL President William Green, who was attending the AFL Executive Council meeting in Chicago, Mr. Shishkin told the board that the patience of the 7,000,000 wage earners in the AFL, who, with their families, comprise 25,000,000 Americans, "is running out."

"During the last six weeks," Mr. Shishkin said, "the AFL has strongly urged its affiliated unions to follow a policy of restraint in collective bargaining on wages."

"We have underway a specific program to enable unions to help achieve greater production in organized plants. Our goal is to overcome current shortages."

"The AFL has taken these steps because of Labor's hope that stable transition to full production is still possible with the aid of effective price control."

Discussion on China

"China As Seen Through the Eyes of an American Newspaperman," will be the subject of J. Campbell Bruce's talk at the regular meeting of the Mission Chapter, American Veterans Committee. Mr. Bruce is a former OWI executive in the Orient and is now special feature writer for the San Francisco Chronicle. The meeting will be held at Genova Hall, Twenty-second and Valencia streets on Tuesday, August 27, at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.



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Purchasing Facts

Industrial Output

A major argument frequently used against the extension of effective price control has been the claim that price control hampers production. A corollary of this has been that higher prices would lead to a flood of goods.

Now the Civilian Production Administration reports that industrial production in June achieved a new post-war peak. And CPA Administrator John D. Small—who is no friend of price control—stated that the economy is so close to full production that "a significant overall increase in output" can be achieved only with increased productivity, and not with higher prices. The report said: "Rising prices cannot be expected to bring a flood of goods into the market."

Mr. Small reported that pre-war records in the production of table model radios, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, gas ranges and electric irons were exceeded in June, though production of automobiles and tires fell below the levels achieved in May.

The CPA report stated that shortages of electrical equipment, copper products and iron and steel products are factors limiting further expansion in the output of consumer durables. Steel and copper products are the "principal bottlenecks" according to the CPA. The following table gives the June box score on consumer goods:

	June, 1946	May, 1946	Prewar
Automobiles	142,000	153,000	* ———
Passenger and motorcycle tires	5,200,000	5,800,000	* ———
Refrigerators	210,000	196,000	309,000
Washing machines	193,000	185,000	158,000
Radios	1,378,000	1,185,000	1,180,000
Vacuum cleaners	177,000	166,000	156,000
Sewing machines ..	27,000	31,000	67,000
Electric ranges	46,000	31,000	47,000
Gas ranges	141,000	139,000	125,000
Shoes	46,500,000	48,500,000	* ———

* No pre-war figures were given by CPA for automobiles, passenger and motorcycle tires and shoes.

Source: Consumers' Union

N. Y. Fair Labor Act Violators

NEW YORK—Nearly 50 per cent of New York and New Jersey firms inspected during July were found to be in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Public Contracts Act and were ordered to pay wages which had been illegally withheld. Arthur D. White, regional director of the Wage-Hour and Public Contracts Divisions announced that back wages amounting to \$134,248 were found due to 2,985 employees.

Of 568 establishments inspected in the month, 270 were found in violation. A substantial number had failed to pay proper overtime. Many of the firms found in violation of the 40-cent hourly minimum requirement had also failed to keep proper records.

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Green Chides Murray On 'Canned Speeches'

CHICAGO (AFLN)—AFL President William Green deplored the cancellation of a radio address scheduled for CIO President Philip Murray on the ABC and at the same time took sharp issue with parts of the speech broadcast later over another network.

Mr. Murray's comments on the situation in the California cannery workers' field were "completely false" and gave the American people an untrue picture of conditions as they are there at this time, Mr. Green said.

"My attention has been called to the gist of Mr. Murray's speech. His comments were that the cannery workers in California have been made 'a football' by the American Federation of Labor and that 'they were grudgingly permitted to form a Federal Labor union' without a character and without a home, stressing that the title, California State Council of Cannery Unions, AFL, on the ballot 'is a false name.'"

"Mr. Murray could not have made such assertions had he been acquainted with the most elementary facts involved in the cannery situation. This statement could only have been written for him by other persons, whose viewpoint is warped and identified with the present Communist-CIO raid on the AFL. I am surprised that Mr. Murray would lend his name to such outright untruths and distortions."

"When the American Federation of Labor first entered the cannery field, there was no organization. We were successful, through AFL guidance, in organizing 60,000 cannery workers, raising wages over 100 per cent, obtaining the most superior conditions that any cannery workers have in the entire country. It has been the policy of the American Federation of Labor to place unions under charter until such time as the union may be absorbed by a strong international union affiliated with the Federation. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters is an international which is closely allied to the cannery workers. It was for this reason that they were placed in that international."

"Our records show that for the past eight years the California State Council of Cannery Unions has been the spokesman for the various cannery unions in northern California. It has been legally registered at our conventions and has sent delegates to them. Under the guardianship of the AFL the cannery workers now have job security, the highest wages in the cannery industry in America, and the protection of the largest international affiliated with the AFL."

"I would strongly urge that Mr. Murray hereafter read the speeches that he is asked to deliver before he delivers them."

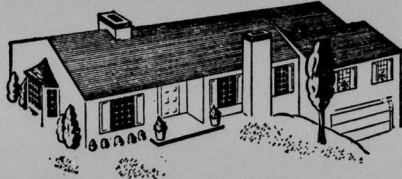
Chicago Upholsterers' Gains

CHICAGO—Smashing blows at insecurity and the inflation menace resulted from negotiations between Locals 9 and 112 of the Upholsterers' International Union of N. A., for new contracts with their employers in which UIU members won wage increases ranging from seven to 17½ cents an hour, setting new high industry-levels. Minimum rates of journeymen awning erectors were set at \$1.62½ hourly by a seven cent raise. A 15 cent raise booster female cutters to \$1.05; female sewers to 85 cents and inside men to 96½ cents. A 12½ cent jump boosted drapery hangers to \$1.58; drapery cutters to \$1.73 and drapery sewers to 83 cents.

New Co-Op Housing Pamphlets

"Organization and Management of Co-operative and Mutual Housing Associations" is the title of a new pamphlet issued as Bulletin No. 858 by the United States Department of Labor. It is a revision of the earlier Bulletin No. 608. Sixty-five pages, price 20 cents. Copies are available from the Co-operative League of the USA, 167 W. Twelfth street, New York 11, N. Y. New Orleans 10, La.

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S.F. Living Costs Continues Upward

It is hardly necessary to print in these columns articles concerning San Francisco living costs, for housewives daily face the problem and receive the answer.

The rise in the cost of living which workers have experienced in the past few months is partially corroborated by the latest Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living Index) issued by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the city of San Francisco, as of July 15, 1946.

The total index for all items for this month is 143.9, for food 172.1, for clothing 153.5, for fuel 86.1, for house furnishings 132.2, and for miscellaneous items 137.3. In the case of all items, the increase amounts to 4.4 per cent in the last month, and 7.3 per cent since January 15, 1946. In the matter of food, the increase amounts to 10.7 per cent in the last month and 15.1 per cent since January 15, 1946. For the other items entering into the Cost of Living Index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with its usual inaccuracy, shows little change. The most important item entering into the index is that of food, and that has shown the greatest increase.

It is hoped that the decontrol board, now considering whether ceilings should be restored on food items and whose decision will be made before the *Labor Clarion* reaches the hands of its readers, will take into account what happened to food prices during the period when there was no OPA control, and what is likely to happen if the control is not restored. No matter what action the decontrol board may take, it can be expected that this index will show similar increases during the succeeding months. Ever since OPA began to function again, it has announced a series of price increases for various manufactured products, ranging from mattresses to automobiles. The increases involved range as high as 12 per cent. Such increases will necessarily be reflected in the index, and the workers will find that the purchasing power of their pay envelope will continue to decline.

New Vocational Representative ...

WASHINGTON—Philip Schafer, war veteran and former field representative of the Social Security Board, will become the Pacific Coast regional representative of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (Federal Security Agency) on September 1, it was announced by Michael J. Shortley, OVR director. Schafer will work closely with the State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies in Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, and Alaska on the State-Federal partnership programs of vocational rehabilitation for civilians. His headquarters will be in the Humboldt Bank Bldg., 785 Market street, San Francisco. The new regional representative will succeed Frank J. Clayton, who has requested early retirement after 25 years of work in behalf of vocationally handicapped men and women.

Home Construction Aided

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Not a single strike of major significance to the home-building program is underway at this time at any part of the country, a report by the Labor branch of the National Housing Agency revealed. This is based on a survey by the Labor Department's Conciliation Service. Work stoppages affecting home building are at the lowest point since start of the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program, Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt said. This situation he termed "extremely important" to success of the program.

Huge Plane Backlog

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The Commerce Department reported that aircraft manufacturers had an order backlog June 30 of nearly 47,000 private craft and about 700 commercial planes with a total value of \$411,500,000.

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Union Label Column

Union Label Conscious

The dates, October 29 through November 2, have been set aside for the 1946 AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition. The city selected is St. Louis, Mo., and the site, the Henry W. Kiel Municipal Auditorium there. The exhibit is to be highlighted by personal appearances of screen and radio stars.

This will be a very interesting and educational event and will do much to make people more union label conscious.

Very few of us stop to think just what buying goods with the union label means to Labor. If the millions of members of Organized Labor would demand the union label, shop card and service button on every thing they use we would have a permanent boycott of all things without the label. This would organize the non-union shops and would be our best guarantee of a permanent job, higher wages and better working conditions.

Let's all get the habit of calling for the union label. If the salesman tells us that old familiar story, "The people who made this belong to the union," or, "This is just as good as union made," tell him that when we get the union label we are SURE it has been made under fair conditions. — *International Molders and Foundry Workers' Journal*.

AFL Fraternal Delegates Named To Attend British Union Meet

CHICAGO (AFLN)—The AFL Executive Council named two fraternal delegates to attend the annual convention of the British Trade Union Congress which will be held in England in October. The delegates chosen for this mission were Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, and Ed J. Brown, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Minimum Wages Not Paid

NEW YORK—In spite of relatively high prevailing wages, inspection of firms found in violation of the Federal Wage and Hour Law show that about one in every four or five employers fails to pay the modest 40-cent-an-hour required minimum wage. In an article prepared for the annual convention issue of the publication of the United Cement, Lime & Gypsum Workers Union, L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor, points out that in nearly eight years of enforcement and educational activities, \$100,000,000 has been recovered for 2½ million American workers whose legal wages were not paid.

Molders Given Increase

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AFLN)—Members of the Molders and Foundry Workers Union (AFL) of this city have received increases of 19 cents an hour for molders and coremakers, and 10 cents for helpers, retroactive to June 15.

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Bill of Rights Given United Nations by AFL

NEW YORK (ILNS)—A program for an international bill of rights, which condemned total war as dooming freedom and "despotic" governments as inherently dangerous to peace has been submitted to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations by the American Federation of Labor.

Immediate reduction in armaments as the first step toward improving social and economic standards was called for by the program, submitted to the United Nations under the signature of Matthew Woll and David Dubinsky, consultants to the UN representing the American Federation of Labor.

The detailed program pointed out that safeguards that "make freedom safe" for individuals was still denied to the peoples of many lands, victorious as well as defeated in the war. It listed a 12-point program emphasizing the "worth and dignity" of the individual.

Chicago Electrical Apprentices

WASHINGTON—With more than 91 per cent of the apprentices veterans, the Chicago electrical industry has established an all-time record for numbers of apprentices in a building trade included in a single registration with the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship. The registration, reported by the Apprentice-Training Service, U. S. Department of Labor, includes 414 electrician apprentices. Under the Chicago program, apprentices are being trained for three separate branches of the electrical trade: construction electrician, motor repair electrician, and neon tube bender.

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Nails, builders' hardware, electrical wiring devices and other metal building materials have been added to the list of items for which builders may obtain HH preference rating for the veterans' emergency housing program, the Civilian Production Administration announced.

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How Labor Can Promote Health

Thanks to demands by one Labor organization, the expression "mad as a hatter" need no longer apply to those who follow that ancient and distinguished craft, the U. S. Department of Labor points out. The muscular tremor, loss of memory, depression, irritability and other unpleasant and sometimes fatal symptoms which seemed for generations to characterize many workers in the hat making industry led the Connecticut State Federation of Labor to demand that mercury poisoning be controlled. A study by the State labor department in co-operation with expert industrial hygienists developed controls which minimized this menace to health.

The insistence of the labor group representing the workers in this case offers a dramatic illustration of how, through intelligent action, workers can be protected from dangerous occupational hazards. The substitution of materials less dangerous than mercury compounds has safeguarded working conditions in the hat industry.

Workers in more than 30 other occupations require protection from mercury poisoning. Included are chemical workers, dye makers, electroplaters, fur workers, tannery workers, photographers, welders and several others. Organized Labor can do much to give this protection by everlastingly supporting and demanding use of every possible method for guarding against the mercury danger and other occupational hazards.

Organization Key to Betterment

The principle that has directed and controlled all policies of the American Federation of Labor is that organization in industry is the key to betterment of conditions for the workers. Organization for the purpose of making united effort to remedy wrongs that affect the work and the lives of all has been the instrumentality that has brought cheer and hope and betterment to the workers.

Economic organization gives power—power to protect the workers against industrial exploitation and injustice; power to secure for them opportunities for development; power to secure for them things that will make life sane, whole and good; power to bring into their lives something of beauty and pleasure; power to secure political representation for their ideals and recognition of their demands in legislation.

The influence of organization in industry and its infinite number of contacts with other organizations constitute an intricate force that is the most powerful single force in society.

Prescription for the USA

(From Textile Challenger)

It should be evident that all-out production is inextricably wound up with the solution of the triple menace of inflation, Labor-management disputes and insecurity.

Inflation can be overcome by a courageous program of effective price controls, higher taxes on wealth and a spectacular rise in production. Industrial peace and co-operation can be achieved by collective bargaining in good faith between Labor and management, involving signed agreements and arbitration of all differences of interpretation of the agreements.

Insecurity in American life today can be dealt with, in addition, by a forceful program of social legislation in Congress, including: (1) American wage and minimum wage standards, (2) expanded social security protection, (3) health insurance protection, and (4) a sound program of full employment.

If we fail to get at the roots of these obstacles to all-out production, not only shall we have to face the present winds, that are driving us around an economic merry-go-round, but also the inevitable whirlwinds of the future, which will drive us back to 1931—or worse.

Comment on World Events

Workers in South Korea have received the right to organize and bargain collectively in an ordinance approved by the U. S. Military Government, dispatches from Seoul say.

Maj. Gen. Archer L. Lerch, American Military Governor, said the ordinance "marks the end of Japanese policy of suppression of labor unions and exploitation of Korean labor." This is all to the good.

One wonders how soon the Russian forces in occupation of North Korea will follow the example of the Americans and recognize the workers' right to organize in unions of their own choice and leadership. It is to be feared we are in for a long wait. Of course, the Russians are recognizing the right of Korean workers to form Communist unions, strictly devoted to Moscow theory and practice, but as for free unions, devoted to economic betterment of the workers—that is another matter.

Under the Russian Communist system, the government fixes both wages and prices, the American Federation of Labor points out in its monthly survey.

"So the worker," the federation continues, "depends on the government for his income and the amount he can buy with it, that is, his entire living standard. Under the five-year plan, when Soviet officials claimed they were raising the worker's living standards, they dropped publishing statistics on wages, and living costs.

"In USA, the government publishes wage and price information every month in great detail. It stands to reason that if Communism had given Russian workers a decent living standard, the Soviet Union would throw open its doors and welcome visitors to see its achievements, letting them roam the country at will as they do in the USA, and would publish regularly statistics on wages and living standards. But instead workers' living conditions under Communism are kept secret, revealed to only a few select visitors."

Clarion Calls

BY TEMPLE SNOOPER

VACATION NOTES! Off to Hollywood on a two weeks' vacation, equipped with her dark glasses and that gorgeous smile, is Eleanor Murphy! Just returned from a fishing trip is P. L. Schlesinger. Enjoying her vacation starting this week is Aileen Kehoe. Bill McCabe is back at work in the Labor Temple after spending a delightful vacation at Harbin Springs. Vacationing for the past two weeks, but now back at her desk in the A.F.L. office is Jacqueline Gilbert. Leaving last week on his vacation was Thomas Rotell—with destination—unknown! In Reno—but not for the usual reason—is Terry Haag, who is postcarding friends that she is having a marvelous time.

Glimpsed strolling along at the beach last Sunday was Al Wynn, who seemed to be enjoying the sea breezes.

Your Stake in World Affairs

QUES.—When will the General Assembly meet?

ANS.—The General Assembly opens the second half of its first session on September 23, meeting at Flushing, New York.

QUES.—What percentage of the population of the world is within the United Nations?

ANS.—The 51 member countries represent approximately seven-eighths of the world's population.

What Next?

An automatic brick-laying machine—still in the blueprint stage—is among things to come, says Business Week, which reports the machine, when available, will lay 20 times as many brick a day as is possible with hand labor. Ten men operate the machine, which carries brick on a conveyor, places it in position, and delivers mortar through a pressure system.

Wisdom

I have a great appreciation and desire to see that the rights of the minority are protected. I believe that men have the right to express their dissent, but the expression of dissent is one thing and the organizing of a movement to destroy the will of the majority—that is not right and cannot be tolerated.—Samuel Gompers.

Pictureless Cartoon

The young couple, as thousands of other New Yorkers, had at last acquired a country place in Connecticut. A kind-hearted native helped them get organized. "One thing," said the native as he surveyed the tall grass around the buildings, "you'll have to get a scythe."

"Size?" asked the perplexed lady of the house.

"No, not size, scythe!"

"Well, what size?" continued the lady.

"Please, lady," pleaded the harassed native, "not size—SCYTHE! It's a grass cutter."

The lady nodded understandingly. The next day she proudly displayed a glass cutter to the amazed helper.

Community Chest Information Service

BY FRANK FITZGERALD

QUESTION—If you can give me an answer to my problem, I'd certainly appreciate it very much. I'm an old lady, but not so old that I don't work for a living. Gradually I am losing my hearing. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining. Rather I am resigned to the fact that before too long I will be quite deaf.

The thing that bothers me more than anything, though, is being cut off from my friends and from society through my difficulty. I am also worried that in time, because of my deafness, I won't be able to continue earning my own livelihood.

Now I may be old but there's still a lot of life in me. I like my friends. I like doing things with people. And, as I said before, I am able to work and really have to work to maintain a home as well as myself.

What I would like to know now is the name of any group like myself composed of people who are deaf but active who have surmounted their difficulty. Or perhaps you can tell me of an agency which could give an answer to my worries?

ANSWER—Your problem, as you guessed it, is not an unusual one. The San Francisco Society for the Hard of Hearing, a Community Chest agency, with offices at 126 Post street, handles just such situations as yours daily. Not only that, the Hard of Hearing Society is composed of a group of people who, first organized for social and recreational purposes and for promoting the study of lip reading, soon found themselves serving as a clearing house for any and all problems confronting the hard of hearing. Thus, with your independent spirit plus assistance and companionship of the San Francisco Society for the Hard of Hearing, your "problems" as you term them, should be readily solved.

Your Taxes and Mine

Corporation Taxes

By ARTHUR A. ELDER

Representatives of business are making strong efforts to repeal all corporation income taxes. They argue that taxing a corporation's profits and then taxing the incomes of the people who receive dividends is double taxation.

They also argue that removing corporation taxes will lower prices, increase real wages, and stimulate production and new investment.

Let's examine these arguments.

It seems that corporation spokesmen are indulging in special pleading when they claim that the corporation, which enjoys all kinds of special protections under the law, should also get special exemptions from taxation. The corporation is a legal person, separate and distinct from the owners of its stock. It is a device that protects the owners from any loss greater than the amount of their investment, and from personal damage suits and liability for the actions of the corporation.

With such tremendous privileges, the corporation must expect to pay its full share of the tax burden. As a matter of fact, the stocks of the corporation were bought and sold on the basis of the present tax structure, and removing the corporation taxes would greatly modify the prices and values of stocks. In effect, the nation would be making a gift to its most prosperous citizens.

It still remains to be proved that removing the corporation taxes would stimulate production and investment. It may just as well stimulate speculation, build up unspent and uninvested savings, or contribute to inflation. Nor is there any reason to believe that elimination of the corporation tax will mean lower prices.

It is one thing to declare for the worthy objectives that supporters of this proposal, say, will be realized through abolition of the corporation tax. It is quite another to draw a tax bill that will actually produce "lower prices, higher real wages, and stimulate production and new investment."

Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN

Member S. F. Typographical Union, No. 21

What I like about the United States is: We are all workers, and so we can get together . . . if we do not believe those who want us separated.

Since he could not Browder-beat the American people, Joe Stalin now has another Foster-ing his lies.

The biggest people are the easiest to know. Those who wear a high hat usually need the disguise.

Big words show your knowledge . . . but small words show your wisdom.

Budgets are never trimmed . . . as easily as taxpayers.

Petrillo Backed in Lea Fight by AFL Council

CHICAGO (ILNS)—The American Federation of Labor executive council declared here its fullest support of the American Federation of Musicians in the fight against the Lea act and went on record against sharing representation in the International Labor Organization with any other Labor body in the United States.

The principle of the Lea act, if extended to other industries, "would crush the freedom of all American workers," the council said, backing the musicians' union in its battle to have the act held unconstitutional.

President William Green of the AFL told reporters that the council's decision is based "on the serious implications in the measure." He declared that any contention of an employer against hiring "stand by" employees and the like ought to be worked out in negotiation and management "should not be given the exclusive right to make the determination."

The council denounced the Lea act as striking down "the basic right to strike for plainly lawful purposes," said Congress manifested "wanton disregard for simple economic justice" in passing the measure and added: "While the Lea bill, with gross unfairness, singles out for attack a single union in a single industry, it contains principles and imposes restrictions which, if upheld would crush the freedom of all American workers and destroy the American trade union movement."

"In waging their valiant fight against this vicious law, the American Federation of Musicians and its president, Mr. James C. Petrillo, are fighting for the liberties of every worker in this country and for the very existence of every trade union in the United States."

The council further said the musicians and President Petrillo "deserve the support and co-operation of all who value freedom and trade unionism."

More Nurses Needed

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The American Council on Education and the National Nursing Council urge colleges that are forced to refuse admission to women students to make known the opportunities offered in the nursing profession. There is an acute shortage of graduate nurses all over the country and hospitals are closing wards on account of the shortage. The goal of the National Nursing Council is 40,000 student enrollments in 1946-47 and women veterans may enroll in these courses under the GI Bill of Rights.

New Tires On Way—We Hope

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The Civilian Production Administration has announced that production of tires for passenger cars and motorcycles will be stepped up during the last half of this year. Director W. J. Sears of the CPA rubber division announced that a goal of 69,150,000 tires can be attained, even though only 30,842,101 were produced in the first six months. In order to reach this goal, the CPA will use its distribution of natural and synthetic rubber and other materials to increase production of passenger cars and motorcycles.

New Apprenticeship Director

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach has announced the appointment of Gino J. Simi, field representative of the Apprentice-Training Service, U. S. Department of Labor, as Director of Apprenticeship for the District of Columbia. Simi, a working man since he was 14 and a union member for almost 30 years, will be responsible for the carrying out of provisions of the D. C. apprenticeship law recently enacted by Congress.

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Deaths in Labor's Ranks

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Olsen, Andrew—August 12; Masters, Mates and Pilots' 90.

Thompson, Archie—August 13; Electricians' 151.

Erickson, Jacob A.—August 17; Butchers' 115.

Lehane, John—August 19; Cemetery Workers' 10634.

Mickelsen, Louis—August 19; Typographical 21.

Schwahn, Marie—August 19; Cooks' 44.

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

Schmidt, Louis—In Palo Alto, Calif., August 14; Typographical 21.

Comisky, Mike—In Belmont, Calif., August 14; Bartenders' 41.

Davenport, Grace L.—In Daly City, Calif., August 17; Retail Clerks' 1100.

Failure to Pay Overtime Brings Stiff Fines and Jail Sentences

NEW YORK (ILNS)—A jail sentence for failure to pay overtime and keep adequate records was handed down against Achilles Giannasca, president of the Modern Reed & Rattan Co., in the Southern District of New York, upon conviction of violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The sentence was three months on each of the 28 counts. The company was fined \$1400 on each of the 28 counts. The case involved kickbacks on overtime pay. Only one previous jail sentence for violation of FLS Act is on record.

TWA Offer Scale to Pilots

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Airlines throughout the Nation have proposed to apply to all their pilots and co-pilots of four-engine planes the new pay rates recently accepted for flyers employed by Transcontinental & Western Airlines. Jack Woods, a spokesman for the Airlines Negotiating Committee, said the proposal was made to the AFL Airlines Pilots' Association, headed by David L. Behncke, representing the pilots. However, Woods said the union gave no indication whether it will accept the same terms for the other airlines. The TWA rates became effective at midnight August 7. They represent increases for pilots and co-pilots ranging from 5 to 20 per cent with a top maximum of \$12,600 a year for first pilots in international service.

New Book on Unionization

The story of a union man who worked in every industry in the United States from coast to coast, is told graphically in *John Donar: Common Man*, the first book of Walter and Elizabeth Cousins Rogers. John Donar gives the exciting highlights of the uphill, victorious struggle of American Labor during the past 20 years. Its story provides many pointers useful in current organizing drives. The book retails at \$2 and may be obtained from the Victory Library, P. O. Box 1294,

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CIO Furniture Workers Dissolving; Join AFL

PHILADELPHIA (AFLN)—True to predictions of some CIO leaders that Communist domination would drive many of their locals into the American Federation of Labor, more than 15 locals of the CIO's United Furniture Workers, representing more than 10,000 members have joined the Upholsterers' International Union (AFL).

First fulfillment of the predicted switch came when the 2,500 members of the UFW Local in Grand Rapids seceded from the CIO because of Communist domination. Only one dissenting vote was cast.

Since then, announcement was made by Sal B. Hoffman, president of the Upholsterers' International Union (AFL), that more than 15 other furniture locals have transferred from the CIO to the AFL.

This is only the beginning of the bolt of CIO unions to the AFL, in the opinion of many CIO local leaders who have complained repeatedly against Communist influences in their organizations. They resent the fact that CIO headquarters has not acted to rid key unions of Red domination.

Typical of this situation is the attitude of George Bucher, secretary of the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council, CIO central body, and former assistant regional CIO director, who also is president of Local 37, United Furniture Workers (CIO).

East Rail Clerks May Strike

PHILADELPHIA (ILNS) — The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks has called a strike on or after August 31 on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, subject to approval of President George M. Harrison, M. L. Polin, union leader, announced here. Polin said that 99 per cent of brotherhood members who attended a meeting in Philadelphia voted in favor of the walkout over 200 grievances which "the company has refused to arbitrate." The stoppage would involve 2,500 Lehigh Valley employees.

Price Stabilization Demanded

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Blunt notice that a continuing spiral of price increases will precipitate widespread wildcat strikes was served on the Price Decontrol Board by A. E. Lyon, spokesman for the Railway Labor Executives' Association, at its initial hearing. Sixteen of the 18 railroad unions for whom Lyon spoke are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Louis Schmidt, member of No. 21 for the last 20 years, died at the Veterans Hospital, Palo Alto, last Thursday, August 14. Prior to entering the hospital some years ago, Mr. Schmidt, a veterans of World War I, was a member of the News Chapel. Union records indicate that Mr. Schmidt's mother, Mrs. C. D. Schmidt of Cape Town, South Africa, survives him, as does also two brothers. Military funeral services were held on August 20, with interment at Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Louis J. Mickelsen, well known in the job branch, was found dead at home on Monday, August 18th. Few details were available at time for "going to press" other than that the deceased member is survived by his widow and that the funeral services were to be conducted later in the week by the union.

At the August meeting of the Union, last Sunday, the membership by an overwhelming vote approved the report of the scale committee that agreement had been reached with the Employing Printers' Association that the commercial scale would be increased on August 26, by an "across the board" raise of \$4.00 for all members in job shops. The increase, coupled with the decrease in hours effective next month, will bring to the job printers a rate of \$1.855 per hour for day work; \$1.967 per hour for night work, plus, of course the 4% for the vacation fund. The new weekly rates will be \$70.50 for day work; \$75.50 for night work. In turn the Union agreed to an amendment in the apprentice provision allowing an additional apprentice when 17 men are regularly employed and another when 27 or more men are regularly employed. Commercial printers predominated at the meeting and their approval of the scale committee's efforts in their behalf was practically unanimous.

With the increase effective Monday, the commercial scale has been increased by \$12 a week in the last eight months and in addition the second week's vacation secured. Other advances, such as additional pay for night work and for machinist-operators were also secured. Under the new rate, the hourly wage in the newspaper and job branches has been brought into practical parity, there being but one cent between the two rates. In none of the other leading cities of the country has the union succeeded in equalizing the weekly or hourly rate of job and newspaper printers.

In view of the successful outcome of the union's efforts to secure more money for the job members, the meeting on Sunday ordered the following proposal sent to a referendum vote on Thursday, August 29:

"Shall the assessment on overtime adopted by the Union by referendum on August 9, 1946, be repealed (ended) as of August 15, 1946?"

Since it was the job members who adopted the August 9 proposition and since their purpose in doing so has been successfully served, it was urged that the vote on next Thursday be overwhelmingly "Yes." It was the sense of the union meeting that the assessment on overtime should be immediately terminated, and inasmuch as the only way to do so legally was by referendum the date of the vote to repeal the assessment was set at as early date as possible.

The union at last Sunday's meeting "lifted" the ban on working permits and acted on applications for membership which had been "laid over" for 30 days. With those actions taken, normal operations will be completely restored by adoption of the question to be voted upon next Thursday. Vote "Yes."

Charles M. Hecker, who was, until his retirement, for many years a member of the Call Chapel, has been in ill health for some time. Mr. Hecker expects to leave soon for Bellingham, Wash., where he will make his future home. Pending his departure for the Northwest, Charlie will appreciate calls by his old friends.

Dennis Stillwell of the Call Chapel, who recently entered the hospital for a complete checkup and "overhaul," has returned to his home. While considerably improved in health, Mr. Stillwell anticipates an extended rest before returning to his situation.

Seek 40-Hour Week

HALIFAX, N. S. (ILNS)—American Federation of Labor unions, including the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council, have been campaigning for legislation by the Nova Scotia provincial government which would assure a 40-hour week and a vacation with pay, everywhere in the province. Delegations have waited on the government in seeking this legislation to replace war-time laws, which AFL men expect to be repealed before the close of 1946.

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Farm Union Given Charter From AFL

CHICAGO (AFLN)—The AFL Executive Council authorized the issuance of a charter to the National Farm Labor Union, comprised of 30,000 members who are employed as laborers on large farms and plantations, mostly in the South.

This organization becomes the 106th national or international union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The headquarters of the new AFL affiliate are in Memphis, Tenn., and its president is H. L. Mitchell. Other officers include F. R. Betton, a negro, vice president; Miss Dorothy Dowe, secretary-treasurer, and Barney B. Taylor, organization director.

Mr. Taylor said the union will attempt to help processing plants into AFL unions.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN McLEOD

The regular meeting of W.A. No. 21 to S.F.T.U. No. 21 was held Tuesday evening in the Red Men's Bldg. Louise Abbott very capably substituted for Secretary Grace Young, who is attending the W.I.A. Convention in Miami Beach, Florida.

A communication from Mrs. Young informing us that San Francisco is completely stealing the Label Show. Grace and Harry arrived in Miami a day ahead of schedule and spent the time arranging the Label Display with the aid of Mrs. Antes, secretary of the Miami Auxiliary No. 165 to Miami T.U. No. 430, and two of the local auxiliaries—Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Mowell, who are not members of the Label Committee but are willing to assist.

The Ways and Means Committee announced the date of our annual card party. As in the past three years, there was no choice and the first date open was October 4, 1946, at Spreckels-Russell Dairy. More about this later as we will need donations of prizes and refreshments.

The California State Convention of American Legion Auxiliaries will be held in Sacramento, August 24, 25 and 26, 1946. Past-President Myrtle Bardsley will attend as delegate and Chaplain Mabel Porter as alternate.

Eldon Ann McLeod, daughter of the "mellowed" Eldon E. (Alec) McLeod, mentioned in last week's "Mailing Notes" by Leroy Smith, with six companions, will invade Guerneville next week to swim and acquire a tan. The group includes; Misses Gloria Lewis, Marian Allen, Ruth DeVore, Jackie Tiffen, Margie Leakis and Frances Boscaen. A bevy of beauty and charm including blondes, brunets and red-heads.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gooler are entertaining Mr. Gooler's brother, Mr. Vernon Gooler, and family of Lodi.

Mrs. Georgia Holderby, who is spending some time on the family ranch, is benefiting in health by the warmer climate.

Mrs. Nora Swensen was appointed to membership on the Laws Committee.

Lyle Abbott, brother of Clarence Abbott, was recently discharged from Jefferson Barracks Hospital at St. Louis, Missouri, after a siege of bronchial pneumonia.

Forest Fire Warning

Motorists are asked by the California State Automobile Association to prevent forest fires by being extremely careful about throwing away their cigar and cigarette butts, pipe ashes and other burning material when driving in the country. Federal and California forest service officials are frankly worried over forest fire possibilities from now until the rainy season because of the great increase in automobile vacationing, the association said. Floods of tourists into vital watershed areas are greatly increasing fire hazards, since forest service records show that nine out of ten forest fires are man-made.

The first "sit-down" strike was indulged in about 400 years ago, in France. Its modern use was also revived in France and employed extensively after the Blum government took over just before World War II, or beginning in May, 1936. It was then, and not until then, that the sit-down strike was adopted in America. Rubber Workers being the first American group to use it effectively.

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Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

In the absence of President Ross and Secretary-Treasurer Bailey as delegate to ITU Convention, Miami, Florida, Ralph Kelly (Oakland member) wielded the gavel as presiding officer, while Vice President Ed Karby acted as secretary with Harold Stafford filling the station of Vice President at the August union meeting of Mailers Union No. 18, held at Labor Temple, last Sunday.

President Randolph appointed Delegate Joseph P. Bailey as chairman of the convention Committee on Organization and Allied Trades.

Frank Joyce, former member of No. 18, who has been working in Boston for the past 21 years, deposited a traveler.

C. J. Jarrell deposited a traveler from Portland.

Chas. J. O'Connor deposited an honorable withdrawal from Sioux City, Iowa union.

Union Printers Golf Association

By PEE PRACTICE SWING

Well, here it is—the week of the annual. Next Sunday is the day and the eighth annual of the Union Printers Golf Association promises to eclipse all previous performances. Crystal Springs Golf Club on the Skyline will be the scene of much gaiety. Starting at 12, noon, the golfers will hack and swing their way around 18 holes of medal play with much in the way of prizes to spur them on. We feel the U.P.G.A. has come through again with a great reward in store for the faithful. Play this past year has been well attended on the whole and the average turnout has been in the neighborhood of 30 to 35—but we can do better. It is expected that perhaps 60 members and their guests will drive off the first tee.

For the dinner about a hundred will find places at the tables set in the upper dining room. The club management assures us all is in readiness and nothing has been left undone in the way of plans for another big annual dinner at Crystal. And, by the way, it was at Crystal that first plans for formation of the association were made. Much has happened in the intervening years.

So, Lord willing, weather permitting and transportation available, we'll be seeing you at the annual. Remember, tee time at noon, dinner at approximately 6:30. See you there!

Had a chat with Howard Watson the other evening. He assures us his thumb is all well and he'll be there at the annual hacking out a prize for himself—if possible. Also said that some of the others who have been missing the last couple of tournaments will be there, too. Word must have gotten around that the prize list is a beauty. That Watson, how he talks!

"Mayor" Kimbrough and J. A. W. McDermott left last Monday for a short trip to Portland and way points—anything interesting that happens along the way they'll cut themselves in on. No particular trip schedule—just that they must be back in time for the annual. They'll be there.

Walter Valiant hurried back from his vacation to be ready for the annual. Says all he has done is practice his short game—wants to cop a good prize for the missus. As who doesn't? Could name maybe 50 other hackers who plan the same thing.

No word from Charley White since he left for a short rest in the country—but had word he too, is practicing to get on the winners' list. So is Percy Crebassa, Art Linkous, Fred Bartell, Teddy Van Hook, George Gallick, Ralph Iusi, Ron Cameron, "Doc" Schmieder, Cy Stright (the champ), Al Teel, Lester Brewster, Enoch Blackford, Earle Browne, Roy Donovan, Ben Apte, Harry Darr, Elmer Darr, Johnny MacAndrews, President Earl Mead, Secretary Bob Smith, Jack Tappendorf and his son, too, we hope; Joe Chaudet from Oakland, Charley Russell from Stockton. "Steamboat" Charley Nicholson, who is getting in a lot of licks this week while on vacation, and many of the others whose names escape us for the moment. And maybe we'll be lucky and see some of those who haven't been out for a long time like Joe Rooney, Hubert Hawkins, Paul Wipfle (if he can find a ball somewhere), and there are more if only I could remember their names—but the mind's a blank some times and apparently this is the time.

Well, don't forget the annual at Crystal next Sunday. Tee time, 12, noon; dinner about 6:30. See you there!

Grace and "Steamboat" Nicholson entertained the village barber the other evening and he kept them up half the night telling them what a good time he was having and what a nice home they had. The "barber" had a swell time. "Steamboat" looked plenty sleepy the next day.

Charles White is on his vacation but will be back for the annual. He is reported to have taken a bag of practice balls with him and hopes to be in rare form for the "shoot" for prizes.

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Labor Clarion

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

Synopsis of Meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council Held Friday, August 16, 1946

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Chairman Wendell Phillips.

Roll Call of Officers—All present, excepting Vice-President Rotell, who was excused. (President Shelley on leave of absence.)

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the *Labor Clarion*.

Credentials—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Barbers No. 148—John Eberhardt vice Edwin P. Adams; Elevator Operators No. 117—Mary Collins and Lucille Foresti vice Stanley Isaacs and William Sloane, and Warehousemen No. 860 — Jack Dillon vice Dick Kahman.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, August 16.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Newspaper and Periodical Vendors No. 468—Andrew J. McNamee; Operating Engineers No. 39—Newell Carman; Sheet Metal Workers No. 34—Gene Raymond, and Waiters No. 30—Patrick D. Duggan, Sam Taback and Domingo Casadella. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Communications—Filed: From Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen, Stage Riggers No. 3116, Waiters No. 30 and Window Cleaners No. 44, endorsing the resolution for the coming fund raising campaign of the San Francisco Community Chest. From Harry T. Kranz, Regional Director, U. S. Civil Service Commission, and William H. McCarthy, Postmaster of San Francisco, acknowledging receipt of our letter with enclosed resolution in reference to the announcement of an examination for the positions of Substitute Clerk and Substitute Carrier for the San Francisco Post Office. From William Green, President, American Federation of Labor, thanking the officers and members for their splendid work in support of the AFL Housing program, embodied in the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill, S.1592. From the Edgewater, announcing that their facilities are available every Monday and Tuesday evenings for private parties, dances, etc. From Cooks No. 44, stating that they are replacing two of their delegates in the near future. From Cooks No. 44, acknowledging receipt of our letter of July 16, and stating that their officers and members are steadfastly loyal to the AFL. From Western Air Lines, Inc., announcing that they are now offering ten fast flights between San Francisco and Los Angeles and that two more flights are to be added during August over the new scenic "Cut-Off Route" between Los Angeles and Denver. From the Building Trades Council, minutes of their meeting of August 1. From the California State Federation of Labor, *Weekly News Letter*, dated August 14.

Bills were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

Donation—Motion was made and seconded that the usual donation of \$10.00, be donated to the Homeless Children Committee, N.S.G.W. and N.D. G.W.; carried.

Referred to the Executive Committee—Telegram from the Butte Central Labor Council requesting that the Council concur in their action of placing all Diamond Match Materials on the "We Do Not Patronize List." From Newspaper and Periodical Vendors No. 468, requesting strike sanction against *The News*, *The Call-Bulletin*, *The Examiner* and *The Chronicle*. From the Warehousemen No. 860, requesting strike sanction against a group of firms, some 130 in number, represented by the San Francisco Employers Council. From Warehousemen No. 860, requesting strike sanction against E. R. Squibb and Sons Company, 608 Folsom street and The Matson Navigation Company Supply Department, 480 Main street. From the Redwood District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, requesting financial aid.

Referred to the Officers—From Congressman Franck R. Havenner, advising that a subcommittee will hold hearings on Naval Affairs in San Francisco on September 13 and 14, and that representatives be sent to this meeting.

Referred to the Labor Clarion—Complete line of march and formation of the Labor Day Parade.

Referred to the Labor Day Parade Committee—From Waitresses No. 48, stating that their Local will parade on Labor Day.

Referred to the Strategy Committee—From Blacksmiths No. 168, advising that J. J. Harrington has been appointed as a delegate to this committee. From

the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, advising that Ed Rainbow has been appointed to represent this Council at all meetings of this committee. From Molders No. 164, advising that Frank Brown has been appointed by this local to represent them at meetings held by this committee.

Report of the Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday, August 12.) Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., by Chairman McDonough; Brother Rotell excused. Roll was called and absentees noted. The matter of the Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, requesting strike sanction against the Retail Cigar Stores of San Francisco. This is a matter of the negotiations of a new agreement. Mr. O'Day was representing Marshall Leahy, who represents the Cigar Dealers' Association. Brother Johns and others were present representing the union. This matter will be held in committee awaiting the result of a conference to be held by the union and the employers. The matter of the appointment of a representative to be employed by the USES office at 1690 Mission street; several suggestions were made regarding the employment in this matter, and the matter was laid over for one week and all aspiring candidates are requested to present themselves next Monday evening. The matter of making a donation by the Council to the Shelley Campaign Committee for Lieutenant Governor was laid over for two weeks. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. (Report of the committee, was concurred in as a whole.)

Report of the Joint Labor Day Parade Committee—(Meeting held Thursday, August 15.) Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Brother Flanagan, Western Representative of the AFL. Roll call of officers—all present except Chairman Rotell, who was excused. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The Float Committee reported that their meeting was held Tuesday night, August 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library of the Labor Temple. The Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 7 appearing before the committee were given the desired information they requested regarding a float to go in the Labor Day Parade. This report was submitted by John H. Smith, secretary, and was concurred in by the meeting. There was also present at the meeting, a visiting committee from the Vallejo Trades and Labor Council and Brother Johnson of the San Mateo Labor Council. They were both seeking information as to how they might assist in the parade on Labor Day. Reports of Unions: The Sailors Union of the Pacific reported everything in readiness for Labor Day. The Electricians reported as having a float which will carry their old members, escorted and guarded by the Apprentices. The Boilermakers will have a band. The Teamsters Joint Council will parade with a band of 30 pieces and a float. The District Council of Carpenters will have a beautiful float in the parade. A drawing was held for the Division of Miscellaneous Unions connected with the Labor Council. (Note: Names of unions participating will be found in *Labor Clarion*.) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Report of the Strategy Committee—(Meeting held Thursday, August 15.) Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by C. J. Haggerty, Executive Secretary of the California State Federation of Labor. Eighty-nine unions were represented. Brother Haggerty gave a forceful talk outlining the purpose of the meeting, which was: To find ways and means of combating the activities of the CIO in this district, and leadership within the organization to take specific and definite action against it. He said we must strengthen our lines of defense by supporting our Organizing Committee and using new methods, so that the CIO would not have the opportunity to infiltrate established AFL unions or organize new ones. Brother Haggerty pointed out that old methods were no longer effective. The CIO is using industrial engineering as a medium for their organization program, i.e., radio talks, newspaper publicity, pamphlets, etc., with a planned course of action. He suggested that the committee appointed should be instructed to direct the efforts of field organizers and to assist unions working under open shop conditions to purge the CIO from their ranks. He further stated that we should continue our efforts to organize the unorganized and repel attempts of Communist-dominated CIO dual organization in their attempts to disorganize the organized. Comment was made by Brother O'Connell, who explained that the beginning of the fight was started by a jurisdictional dispute at Coos Bay. He said there were other examples, and that at the present time the Brewery Workers were being harassed. Brother O'Connell said all AFL affiliates should help any union in distress from such CIO activities, and that the Strategy Committee should see that aid is given them in a combined unified action. The Strategy Committee should study the Labor field in the entire Bay Region, so that an overall picture may be gained on which to base the campaign of attack. The course is then to proceed on intelligent and progressive lines. Delegate White gave a report regarding CIO activities at the Johns-Manville Company, Redwood City. Motion was made that

one representative from each Departmental Council, one delegate from the California State Federation of Labor and one delegate from the American Federation of Labor, comprise the Strategy Committee. Motion was then discussed on the floor with various delegates offering suggestions for amendments. Motion was amended that the Strategy Committee be composed of five delegates from each Departmental Council, namely: The Building Trades Council, The Metal Trades Council, The Allied Printing Trades Council and The San Francisco Labor Council; unanimously adopted. Brother Haggerty then asked how soon the committee could meet. Since the four Departmental Councils could not appoint representatives until meetings were held, it was moved and seconded that the secretaries of the four Departmental Councils, a delegate from the California State Federation of Labor and a delegate from the American Federation of Labor meet Tuesday, August 20, at 10:00 a.m. for a preliminary conference to discuss ways and means; unanimously adopted. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Report of the Conciliation Service Committee—(Meeting held Wednesday, August 14.) Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairman O'Connell. Brother O'Connell introduced Mr. Warren, Director of Conciliation Service, U. S. Department of Labor, who explained briefly the new set-up with regard to the current activities of the Conciliation Service, insofar as arbiters are concerned. He stated that a committee made up of four from employers, two from AFL and two from CIO would set up a panel of arbiters from whom both management and Labor could choose, when necessary. He urged, however, that both Labor and management avail themselves when possible of their own arbiters, thereby relieving the department of some of the responsibility and also allowing those unions financially unable to employ their own arbiters to avail themselves of the department men. Lengthy discussion followed with regard to any possible influence of CIO people on possible arbiters for AFL cases and Mr. Warren assured those present such a condition could not and would not exist. Brother O'Connell raised the point that any appointments should receive local approval to avoid any chance of CIO infiltration. Mr. Gallagher of the Conciliation Service pointed out that the department was attempting to discourage abuse of the Arbitration Service by putting such service on an ability to pay basis; also, that the department intended to suggest to all other arbiters that they keep their fees at a minimum basis. Mr. Warren stated further in this regard that by so doing it would be possible to encourage arbitration since this was a very satisfactory way of preventing work stoppages, etc. It was emphasized that the choice of the Department in nominating an arbiter would be purely voluntary and the department would have no discretionary powers. It was also stated that the department has available the services of an industrial engineer, well versed in the art of job evaluation, proper job classification, etc., whose services are available upon mutual request of Labor and management and whose recommendations may be included in any arbitration proceedings. After further informal discussion, Brother O'Connell introduced Captain Geisenhoff, Industrial Relation man to Admiral Edwards. The Captain's function is to watch the effect of any work stoppages on Navy operations. There being no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Unfinished Business—Nominations were re-opened for a delegate to be sent to the American Federation of Labor Convention to be held in Chicago, commencing October 7. The delegate nominated at the last meeting of the Council was Anthony Costa, Chauffeurs' No. 265; nominated was seconded by Brother O'Connell. Motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed; carried.

The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the delegate to the convention. Secretary O'Connell cast one ballot for the election and Brother Costa was elected as the delegate representing the San Francisco Labor Council at the American Federation of Labor Convention to be held at Chicago, Illinois.

Receipts, \$1,065.00; Disbursements, \$250.59.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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AFL Sounds Aggressive Political Activity Call

CHICAGO—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor issued the following statement regarding an intensified campaign in the Congressional elections:

The dismal record of the 79th Congress constitutes a danger signal to the American people. Its failure to provide for human needs during reconversion, its shameful subservience to lobbyists for special interests, its legislative assaults against the masses of American workers, all sound a warning of how our democratic system can be stifled when a Congress unresponsive to the will of the people is elected to office.

Candidates have been elected to Congress who are committed to policies destructive of the welfare of the majority of the American people.

This must stop or our democracy will fail.

The Executive Council feels it is of the utmost importance that the American people effect a sweeping Congressional house-cleaning by their votes in the election this fall.

To this end, the Executive Council directs that the political activities of the American Federation of Labor, both on a local and national basis, be expanded and intensified far beyond their scope in any previous campaign.

We direct that full information on the voting records of each member of Congress seeking re-election be prepared by the National Headquarters of the American Federation of Labor and placed in the hands of all members of the Federation so that they can elect the friends of Labor and defeat its enemies.

We urge that every State Federation of Labor and

city central body appoint special committees to see to it that the qualified voters among the 7 million members of the American Federation of Labor and their friends register and vote in the Congressional elections this year.

It should be emphasized that the American Federation of Labor will continue to follow its nonpartisan political policy.

At this moment, millions of American workers are condemned to sub-standard living because a few members of Congress blocked passage of the bill to increase minimum wage rates from 40 to 65 cents an hour. Millions of returning war veterans and workers cannot yet look forward to decent homes because Congress failed to enact the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill, providing for a long-range housing program.

The reactionary forces in Congress who conspired to pass the obnoxious Case Bill and other anti-labor legislation are already at work plotting new attacks against Labor's basic freedoms if they are re-elected to the next Congress.

These are emergency situations threatening the very existence of Organized Labor and aimed at destroying the gains for American workers which the trade movement has achieved by long years of struggle.

Labor must rise to the emergency by asserting its political power in the elections next November. The Executive Council calls for the full and active co-operation of all affiliated organizations and all union members in securing the election of a new Congress which will honestly and faithfully carry out the will of the American people.

National Campaign to Enroll Nurses Launched

NEW YORK (AFLN)—A national drive to organize registered graduate nurses in the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union (AFL) has been launched here.

Seven hundred nurses and others, heard national leaders of the organization declare that only through such a union could harsh working conditions be remedied.

Under the plan presented to the nurses similar organization meetings would be held in other cities. Nurses' unions already organized in such cities as Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and in New York, would be amalgamated into a National Council of Nurses.

Roderick MacDonald, national director of organization, said the union has drawn up an 80-point program that would include a \$3,000 annual minimum salary for all registered nurses and a 40-hour week. He reported that these demands have been presented to Commissioner of Hospitals Edward M. Bernecker. Mr. MacDonald said that the commissioner and Mayor O'Dwyer have discussed the program and would probably meet with him soon.

Arnold S. Zander, national president of the organization, told the nurses that the fight was their own, but that every facility of the AFL would be thrown behind them to achieve a decent standard of living and working. This, he said, was long overdue.

Unemployment Typotrait

Maybe you don't feel chipper. If you become sick after you are laid off, and are not able to work, you may later be entitled to benefits during the time you are sick. Unemployment insurance is designed for workers who are able to work and available for work. However, California recently adopted an unemployment compensation disability benefit law which will be effective at the latest in May of 1947. If disability insurance is payable earlier than this date, public notice will be given. Meanwhile, California does not pay unemployment insurance to people who are unable to work. For full details on your eligibility, see the unemployment compensation claims clerk in the government employment service office nearest your home.

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Organized Workers Urged To Speak for All Labor

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—"Organized Labor has the responsibility to urge improvement of conditions for all workers whether union members or not," Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach told the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor at Superior. He urged that Labor realize that unions take a more active role in community life.

"I would like to reaffirm my strong belief in free collective bargaining as the key to sound industrial relation," Schwellenbach said. "I know that Organized Labor shares this conviction. But I wonder if union members and union leaders cannot do more to demonstrate their faith and to prove that their aims and purposes are in reality the aims of purposes of all who labor."

"Essentially this is a problem in public relations but it also involves the role of unions in community life. And to some extent, at least, it involves the attitude of unions and union members toward broad questions of national policy. During recent months all of us have seen how these policies are linked with the welfare of every worker and how they affect the process of collective bargaining itself."

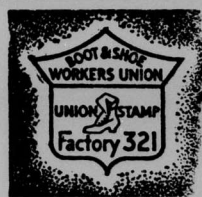
"In short, I am suggesting that Organized Labor, which speaks for so many millions throughout this land, raise its voice more firmly in behalf of other millions who are outside its ranks . . ."

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Bay Area Labor Week

AUGUST 14—Warehousemen's Union, Local 860, signed agreement with Parke Davis Company for an increase of 10 an hour, retroactive April 1. . . Coos Bay dispute extended to lumber mills after CIO longshoremen refused to honor AFL sailor picket line and loaded a vessel with a lumber cargo.

AUGUST 15—Senator Wayne L. Morse urges arbitration in Coos Bay dispute. . . dock guards and watchmen will vote September 13 for either CIO or AFL collective bargaining representation. . . Clark Kerr has been appointed impartial chairman for Pacific Coast longshore industry.

AUGUST 16—Southern Pacific rail workers' strike postponed indefinitely and at same time a new ballot for conductors will be taken; cause of threatened strike laid to company's alleged violation of working agreement.

AUGUST 17—Federal mediator is to continue investigation into Southern Pacific rail workers' dispute with company. . . CIO council tries to reverse AFL position in CIO raiding tactics with statements dripping with innocence.

AUGUST 18—Another CIO-cannery broadcast cancelled by American Broadcasting Company (locally KGO). . . butchers plan new meeting with representatives of 57 San Mateo meat shop operators in an endeavor to winding up their five-day work week dispute.

AUGUST 19—Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks' 1089 have renewed negotiations after a "bog down" . . . butchers' San Mateo meeting with employers ended without result; contract with union ends September 3.

AUGUST 20—Longshore walking bosses' case will be before the NLRB in Washington for argument; bosses want unionization. . . CIO cannery workers' union claim they will sue American Broadcasting Company and Radio Station KGO because of recent programs cancelled by broadcasting companies.

Quotation

Any discussion of the agencies carrying on workers' education would be incomplete without paying tribute to the invaluable service which the Labor Press has performed over the years. Many unionists have received their first Labor education through the regular reading of their union's monthly journal or the weekly Labor paper. Such periodicals bring into the workers' home regularly not only Labor news and information but charts, cartoons, and inspirational material which constitute of themselves a fairly complete course of education.—John D. Connors, Director, Workers Education Bureau of America.

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